



Department of Community Affairs

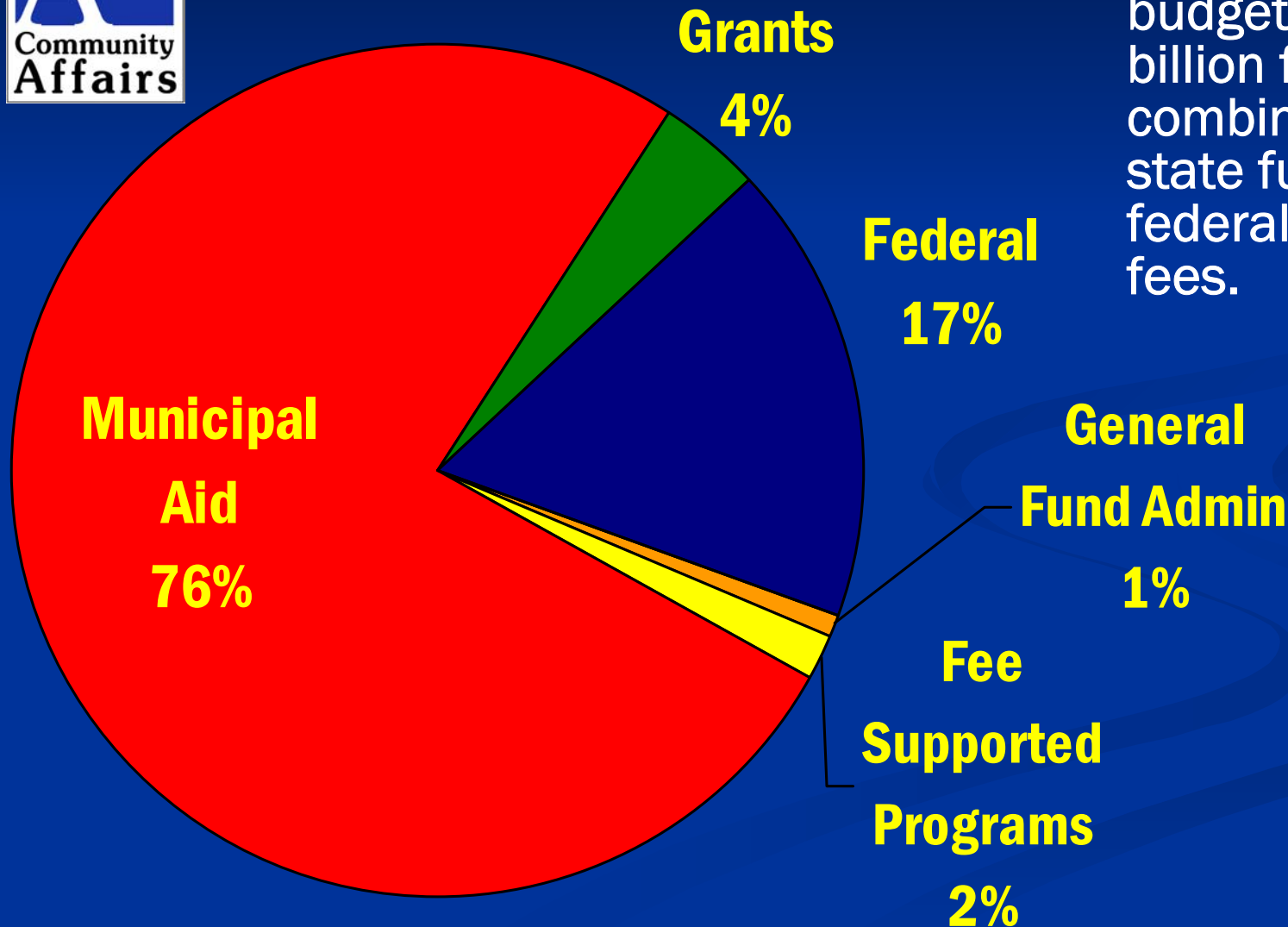
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Commissioner



DCA Budget

DCA has a total budget of \$1.36 billion from a combination of state funds, federal funds and fees.





Average Residential Property Taxes...

...increased 27% from 2001 to 2005

	Average Property Tax Bill	% Increase
2001	\$4,651	---
2002	\$4,961	6.6%
2003	\$5,269	6.2%
2004	\$5,513	4.6%
2005	\$5,914	7.3%

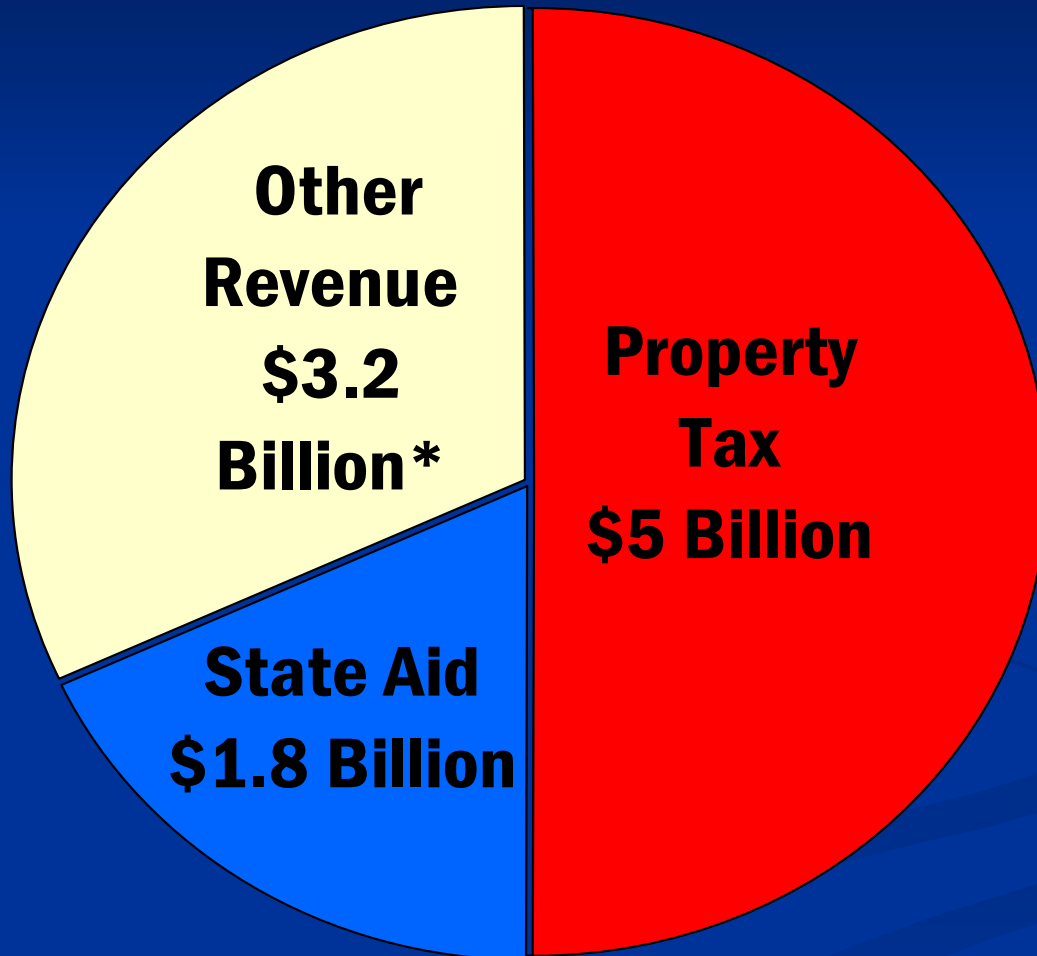


2005 Property Tax Distribution

\$19.5 billion in property taxes raised in 2005:

	Amount (billion)	% of Total
Counties	\$3.7	19%
Municipalities	\$5.0	26%
Public Schools	\$10.8	55%

Municipal Revenues for 2005: \$10 Billion



**Includes fees, fines, permits and grants.*



Municipal Expenses Include...

- **Police, Fire, Rescue (EMS)**
- **Emergency Management**
- **Leaf Collection**
- **Trash Collection & Recycling**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Storm sewer maintenance**
- **Snow Removal**
- **Road Maintenance**
- **Public Works**
- **Senior Services**
- **Library**
- **Municipal Courts**

Formula Aid

Direct property tax relief of almost \$1.7 billion is provided to 566 municipalities through four Formula Aid programs.

Fiscal Year	Total Formula Aid (rounded in billions)	% Change
2002	\$1.60	----
2003	\$1.60	0%
2004	\$1.63	2%
2005	\$1.69	3.7%
2006	\$1.69	0%



Extraordinary Aid

For municipalities with unusual or special circumstances: loss of large ratable, natural disaster, short-term fiscal stress, litigation, etc.

FY 2006:

\$42.3 Million

130 Municipalities



Distressed Cities Aid

**The Distressed Cities Program
provides aid to cities experiencing
significant ongoing fiscal distress.**

FY06 - \$29.3 Million



Shared Services Assistance

Grants to municipalities and counties for shared service feasibility studies and implementation assistance.

Recent Shared Service projects have included:

- **Police Services: Spring Lake and Spring Lake Heights have joint police dispatching**
- **Public Works: Fanwood Boro and Scotch Plains are working to create a shared public works storage facility**

More Shared Services...

- **Tax Services:** Plumsted Township and Englishtown Boro share a tax collector
- **Municipal Court Services:** Pilesgrove, Upper Pittsgrove and Alloway Townships have a joint municipal court
- **Municipalities and Schools:** Millville and Millville Board of Education combined information technology services



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